

FINANCE & UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 6:00 PM

The Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nathan Brown. Those present included: Mayor Nathan Brown, Council Members John Dayton and Vaughn Ripley, Committee Member Syree Williams, and staff members Dave Dunn, Carrie Myers, John Gerstner, Matt Campbell, Milt Frech, and Rikki Bruchey.

Clark Azar Work Order #335.021 – Florida Avenue & North Virginia Avenue Water Line Replacement

Mr. Dunn stated this was for design work for necessary repairs to bad water lines. The cost of the work order was \$17,000. The consensus was to move for Council approval.

Standard Pipe Services Pricing – I&I Grouting Project

Mr. Gerstner explained this project at the last committee meeting and would like to spend \$2.1 million from bond money on these I&I repairs. The consensus was to move for Council approval.

West Side Water System Modeling Study

Mr. Dunn stated Whitman, Requardt provided a quote of \$22,371 to complete this study. Clark Azar was also asked to provide a quote, but they stated their number would be much higher since they would have to begin from scratch, whereas Whitman conducted the last study and can simply update their work. The consensus was to move approval of the Whitman quote for Council approval.

Yourtee Springs Engineering Services & Construction Management

Mr. Dunn stated bids were received for these services from Whitman and Clark Azar, with Whitman's bid being significantly lower at \$160,070. The consensus was to move approval of the Whitman quote for Council approval.

Utility Bill One-Time Forgiveness Options

Mayor Brown and Mr. Dunn stated they looked at several policies from other municipalities and attempted to marry them together to create a potential policy for Brunswick. The committee supported the idea of a program that would allow forgiveness no sooner than every three years, and with as much subjectivity removed from the policy. Mayor Brown said he would make some amendments and the consensus was to move discussion to the full Council.

FY2021 Enterprise Budget

Mr. Dunn discussed the preliminary enterprise budget. He discussed memorializing the breakdown of the bond money with a budget amendment at the next Council Meeting. The breakdown would be as follows: Capital \$1.5 million, Sewer \$2.1 million, Water \$3 million.

The committee also discussed timing of any potential rate increases and agreed that any rate increase would not be effected until the January billing because of the timing necessary to pass the enterprise budget. The will of the committee was to keep any rate increases minimal, if necessary, due to COVID.